

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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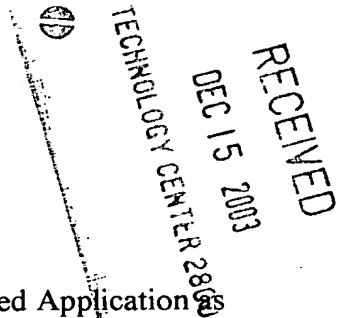
Group Art Unit: 2815

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For: GROUP III NITRIDE COMPOUND SEMICONDUCTOR LIGHT-EMITTING
DEVICE

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231



PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to evaluation on the merits, please amend the above-identified Application contained herein. It is noted that Applicants expect to shortly submit a Supplemental Amendment that will further clarify why the present invention is considered patentable over the prior art currently of record. Applicants expect to fax this Supplemental Amendment directly to the Examiner and suggest that the Examiner may want to coordinate with the Applicants' representative to confirm, prior to proceeding with an evaluation on the merits of the contents herein in this Preliminary Amendment, the status of the expected Supplemental Amendment.

Claims 1 and 4-15 are all of the claims pending in the present Application. Claim 4 has been amended hereinbelow to properly ensure that a new issue has been raised by this Request for Continued Examination, and to further clarify that the present invention is a combination of elements that has not been previously known in the art, and that this new combination elements provide an advantage of an enhancement of color purity.

Again, it is noted that Applicants expect to shortly submit a Supplemental Amendment that should better articulate this exemplary key aspect of the present invention, and it is suggested that the Examiner contact the Applicants' representative prior to proceeding to evaluate this Preliminary Amendment, should such Supplemental Amendment not have been filed as of the Examiner's deadline for evaluation of this RCE.